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In re application of:

Inventors: Gonzalez, Frank, J. and
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Application No.: 09/308,080

Filed: 10/28/99

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR DETECTING
DIHYDROPYRIMIDINE
DEHYDROGENASE SPLICING
MUTATIONS

Examiner: Steadman, D

Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Sequence Listing and a petition to extend the time for response by two months, from July 18, 2001 to September 18, 2001, is also enclosed.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, as the first paragraph of the application:

-- This application is the National Stage of International Application No.

a' PCT/US97/04269, filed March 19, 1997, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/013,385, filed March 20, 1996. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph: